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1. BEFORE MEETING WITH BASOV, SCICOUNS SPOKE WITH
SCAE REPRESENTATIVE KHOKHOVA CONCERNING VISA SUPPORT
FOR MCNALLY AND NARATH. SHE FIRST REITERATED THAT
SCAE WILL NOT SUPPORT VISAS AND THAT ERDA OFFICIALS
SHOULD SEEK INTOURIST VISAS PER VELIKHOV JUNE 17
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION. SCICOUNS QUERIED SCAE ON POS-
SIBILITY OF VISA SUPPORT WITHOUT HOTEL RESERVATIONS
OBLIGATIONS. A REPLY HAS BEEN PROMISED.

2. SCICOUNS THEN CALLED ON BASOV CONCERNING PROPOSED
VISIT. BASOV APPEARED MILDLY RELUCTANT, STATING THAT
THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PROPER PREPARATION
TO CARRY OUT US PROPOSAL. HE AGREED THAT IF ERDA
OFFICIALS ARE IN TOWN HE WILL SEE THEM, BUT STRESSED
THAT DISUCCSSION WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY PRELIMINARY.
HE ALSO PROMISED TO TRY TO HELP WITH THE ACCOMMODATION/
VISA PROBLEM, OF WHICH HE HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY
INFORMED. BASOV SUGGESTED THURSDAY OR FRIDAY AS
POSSIBLE DAYS TO SEE ERDA OFFICIALS.

3. EMBASSY NOT CONVINCED THAT TIGHT HOTEL SITUATION

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IN MOSCOW SOLE REASON FOR SOVIET RELUCTANCE AT

THIS TIME TO CARRY OUT LASER FUSION MEETING; ANOTHER
ISSUE MAY BE INDECISION AS TO WHICH ORGANIZATION
SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE.

4. EMBASSY READY TO APPLY FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS
CHARGED TO MCNALLY AND NARATH. PLEASE ADVISE.
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